

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A wash bag assembly comprising:
  - a container defining an interior chamber, said container being constructed of a water-permeable material,
  - a separator wall extending through said interior chamber and dividing said interior chamber into a first and a second subchamber,
  - a first closure which selectively provides access into said first subchamber of said container for the insertion and removal of at least one wash item,
  - a second closure which selectively provides access into said second subchamber of said container for the insertion and removal of the at least one wash item.
  
2. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said water-permeable material comprises a mesh material.
  
3. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said water-permeable material comprises a mesh material having an outer layer and an inner layer, said inner layer having openings of a first size and said outer layer having openings of a second size, said first size being greater than said second size.
  
4. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 3 wherein said second size of said outer layer openings is dimensioned to minimize the passage of lint.

5. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 3 and comprising connecting fibers extending between and attached to said inner and outer layers of said mesh material.

6. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 2 wherein said mesh material comprises a synthetic material.

7. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 2 wherein said mesh material comprises a knitted material.

8. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 3 wherein said inner layer has an air permeability of greater than 825 cubic feet per minute.

9. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 3 wherein said outer layer has an air permeability of greater than 800 cubic feet per minute.

10. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 3 wherein said mesh material has an air permeability of greater than 750 cubic feet per minute.

11. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said separator wall is constructed of a water-permeable material.

12. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein each closure comprises a zipper.

13. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 12 and comprising a pair of flaps secured to said container, one of said flaps overlying one zipper and the other flap overlying the other zipper.

14. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said container is cylindrical in shape.

15. (Original) A wash bag assembly for wash items comprising:  
a container defining an interior chamber, said container being constructed of a water-permeable material,  
a closure which selectively provides access into said interior chamber of said container for the insertion and removal of at least one wash item,  
wherein said water-permeable material comprises a mesh material having an outer layer and an inner layer, said inner layer having openings of a first size and said outer layer having openings of a second size, said first size being greater than said second size.

16. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 15 wherein said second size of said outer layer openings is dimensioned to minimize the passage of lint.

17. (Currently Amended) The invention as defined in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 15 and comprising connecting fibers extending between and attached to said inner and outer layers of said mesh material.

18. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 15 wherein said mesh material comprises a synthetic material.

19. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 15 wherein said mesh material comprises a knitted material.

20. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 15 wherein said inner layer has an air permeability of greater than 825 cubic feet per minute.

21. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 15 wherein said outer layer has an air permeability of greater than 800 cubic feet per minute.

22. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 15 wherein said mesh material has an air permeability of greater than 750 cubic feet per minute.

23. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 15 wherein said closure comprises a zipper.

24. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 23 and comprising a flap secured to said container, said flap overlying said zipper.

25. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said container is cylindrical in shape.

26. (Original) A wash bag assembly comprising:  
a container defining an interior chamber, said container being constructed of a water-permeable material,  
said container having a top, bottom, front, back and spaced-apart sides, said container being generally rectangular in shape,  
each of said top and bottom of said container having a pleat,  
a closure which selectively provides access into said interior chamber of said container for the insertion and removal of at least one wash item,  
wherein said water-permeable material comprises a mesh material.

27. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 26 wherein said water-permeable material has an air permeability of at least 800 cubic feet per minute.

28. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 26 wherein said material comprises nylon.

29. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 26 wherein said material comprises polyester.

30. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 26 wherein said material comprises a knitted material.

31. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 26 wherein said closure comprises a zipper.

32. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 31 and comprising a flap secured to said container, said flap overlying said zipper.

33. (New) A mesh material comprising:  
an outer layer and an inner layer, said inner layer having openings of a first size and said outer layer having openings of a second size, said first size being greater than said second size.

34. (New) The invention as defined in claim 33 wherein said second size of said outer layer openings is dimensioned to minimize the passage of lint.

35. (New) The invention as defined in claim 33 and comprising connecting fibers extending between and attached to said inner and outer layers of said mesh material.

36. (New) The invention as defined in claim 33 wherein said mesh material comprises a synthetic material.

37. (New) The invention as defined in claim 33 wherein said mesh material comprises a knitted material.

38. (New) The invention as defined in claim 33 wherein said inner layer has an air permeability of greater than 825 cubic feet per minute.

39. (New) The invention as defined in claim 33 wherein said outer layer has an air permeability of greater than 800 cubic feet per minute.

40. (New) The invention as defined in claim 33 wherein said mesh material has an air permeability of greater than 750 cubic feet per minute.